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Electric Toothbrush, and Method for its  
Manufacture )  
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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the Abstract:

Delete after line 7 the notations "(FIG. 1b)" and "06 Dec 00/BH.".

In the Specification:

In the English translation:

at page 1, before the first paragraph, add the following:

--This is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/EP99/04577, pending,  
with an International filing date of July 2, 1999.--

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